

BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

February 20, 2024

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Karen Ford opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs with the following members present: Annette Schreiner, Richard Long, James Salsbury, and Robert Eyre. Also present were: Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, Mayor Carrie Schlade, Operations Manager Jimmy Dunning, Communications Superintendent Joe Ferrell, Electric Distribution Superintendent Al Sullivan, Power Plant Production Superintendent Jim Coressel, Bryan City Council Member John Betts, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to amend the agenda to include in the executive session a discussion on the appointment and compensation of a public employee. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Eyre moved, Mr. Long seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 6, 2024, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Bill Metz addressed the Board to say that he had recently met with city officials to discuss his ideas on how to reinstitute video recordings of Bryan City Council and Bryan Board of Public Affairs meetings. He offered his assistance if desired.

Mr. Long moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to accept the Clerk-Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2024 as submitted by Clerk-Treasurer Lehner. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ms. Ford moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to approve Committee assignments for 2024, as presented at the February 6, 2024 meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 3, 2024, titled,

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CARRIE SCHLADE AS DELEGATE
AND RICHARD LONG AS ALTERNATE TO REPRESENT THE CITY
OF BRYAN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OHIO MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION IN 2024**

was presented and read by title only. Director of Utilities Schultz explained that this is an annual appointment Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA) and thanked Mayor Schlade and Board Member Long for their willingness to participate.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Eyre seconded, to pass Resolution No. 3, 2024. Roll call vote: Salsbury aye, Eyre aye, Ford aye, Schreiner aye, Long abstain. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Schultz provided the 2023 Year in Review for the Electric Department, beginning with a detailed review of power supply, operations, and finances. A slideshow and handout presentation were provided. Electric Distribution Superintendent Sullivan and Power Plant Production Superintendent Coressel each provided a review of capital projects completed in 2023.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to pay the bills. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Board Member Eyre said he was very impressed with the 2023 Electric Department report and thanked the presenters, as did other Board members. Board Member Long thanked the Electric Department for all the effort that goes into cost savings. Mayor Schlade added thanks to the Board for her appointment to the OMEA.

A brief recess was taken.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property and the compensation and employment of a public employee at 6:14 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend: Director of Utilities Schultz, Mayor Schlade, Operations Manager Dunning, Communications Superintendent Ferrell, and Clerk-Treasurer Lehner.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the reinstating of video recording of meetings. Points were made by multiple members that the decision to end video recording was a sound business decision made only after careful consideration of costs and low viewership. There was no interest in reversing course. There was also discussion of allowing a third-party vendor to perform the service, but concerns for the security of the City's network were raised. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Eyre seconded, to authorize City Attorney Marc Fishel and Director of Utilities Schultz to draft a letter stating the Board of Public Affairs' decision to not pursue reinstating video recording of its meetings and to provide the rationale for its decision, in response to the citizen-concerns raised on the issue. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

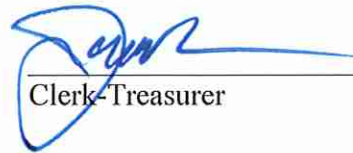
Mayor Schlade asked the Board to authorize the posting of a new Network Engineer position to be hired into the Bryan Municipal Utilities Communications Department, but perform work exclusively on behalf of City and Bryan Municipal Court operations, and be paid fully from City and Bryan Municipal Court funds. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Eyre moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to authorize the posting of a new Network Engineer position in the Communications Department, to perform work exclusively on

behalf of City and Bryan Municipal Court operations, and be paid fully from City and Bryan Municipal Court funds. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Chairman of the Board



Clerk-Treasurer